
HOUSE BILL No. 1643

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Health care for the uninsured. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to cooperate and assist Health Indiana, a nonprofit organization, in providing health care to uninsured residents by: (1) determining eligibility for the program; (2) issuing plan cards to eligible individuals; and (3) operating a toll free telephone number for participants in the program to receive referrals. Requires the office to: (1) determine whether a potential participant is eligible for any other state or federal assistance program; and (2) inform individuals who seek assistance from the office about federal, state, and privately run programs available to the individual and the method by which the individual may obtain program services.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the secretary of family**
3 **and social services established by IC 12-8-1-1.**

4 (b) **The office shall:**

5 (1) **cooperate with; and**

6 (2) **assist;**

7 **the nonprofit organization Health Indiana to implement and**
8 **administer a program to provide health care to uninsured Indiana**
9 **residents.**

10 (c) **The office shall assist Health Indiana with the following:**

11 (1) **Determining eligibility of potential participants who have**
12 **an income of not more than one hundred percent (100%) of**
13 **the federal poverty level for Health Indiana's program.**

14 (2) **Issuing a plan card to an individual whom the office**
15 **determines is eligible for the Health Indiana program that is**
16 **valid for one (1) year.**

17 (3) **Operating a toll free telephone number that provides**
18 **provider referral services for participants in the Health**



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1 **Indiana program.**

2 **(d) The office shall do the following:**

3 **(1) Determine whether a potential participant is eligible for**
4 **any other state or federal assistance program.**

5 **(2) Inform individuals who seek assistance from the office**
6 **about federal, state, and privately run programs available to**
7 **the individual and the method by which the individual may**
8 **obtain program services. Services include private**
9 **pharmaceutical drug discount programs.**

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